

ABSTRACT

An illumination device 4 includes a light guide 6 which receives light from a light source 7 at a light-receiving face 6a and emits the light from a light-emitting face 6b. A face 6c opposite the light-receiving face 6a of the light guide 6 is formed as an inclined plane. The light which has reached the inclined plane 6c reflects at an angle off the inclined plane 6c. Therefore, the frequency in diffusion of the light increases. As a result, the luminance of the light emitted from the light-emitting face 6b is improved. The luminance of a planar light can be made uniform by varying the shapes of diffusion patterns 12 disposed on a diffusion sheet 9 according to the distance from the inclined plane 6c.

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